

THE WEATHER											
Fair and continued warm tonight and Sunday; moderate winds, mostly southerly.											
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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# Evening Public Ledger

**NIGHT EXTRA**

VOL. VIII.—NO. 243 PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1922

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### Explosions Send Fiery Shower Over Firemen at 63d Street and B. and O. Tracks

Explosions of gas in a pool of gasoline, which had been set on fire by a fireman, resulted in the burning of twelve persons, including a child, at the intersection of 63d street and B. and O. tracks, this morning.

The fire broke out at about 9:30 o'clock, when a fireman, while working on the tracks, accidentally set a pool of gasoline on fire. The fire spread rapidly, and a crowd of several hundred men, women and children gathered to watch.

A lighted match, dropped accidentally by a man in the crowd, set the gasoline on fire, and the fire spread rapidly, reaching the tanks and the gasoline.

Mrs. Anna Newton, Kingsessing avenue near Sixty-third street, with her three-month-old baby in her arms, was watching the fire spreading along the woodwork of the building when flames reached the tanks and the gasoline exploded.

Firefighters and civilians were forced to run back as the fiery rain fell about them. Mrs. Newton was knocked to the ground but she and her baby were not hurt.

The injured:

Battalion Chief William C. Barrett, sprained right knee. He stepped into a hole near the plant.

Captain J. Simpson, commander of Truck No. 13, sprained leg.

Frank Murray, 2906 South Sixty-third street, civilian, right arm broken when he fell in headlong dash from plant.

Alber Caler, ladderman of Truck No. 13, face and arms burned; St. Vincent's Hospital.

William Clark, ladderman, Truck No. 13, burns of face and body; St. Vincent's Hospital.

Frank Valentine, ladderman, truck No. 13, burns of face and body.

Alber McKeown, ladderman, truck No. 13, body burns.

John Elwell, 6816 Paschall avenue, hoseman Engine Company No. 40, burns and bruises.

George Elwell, 2516 South Sixty-seventh street, driver of truck No. 13, and brother of John. Burns of arms and hands.

William Mitchell, 7419 Glenmore avenue, hoseman Engine Company No. 40, burns of face and hands.

Alphonse Wolpert, 5105 Springfield avenue, hoseman Engine Company No. 40, overcome by gasoline fumes and revived on fire grounds.

Carl Muller, a florist, Sixty-third street and Kingsessing avenue, burned back and hands.

John Elwell was at one side of the plant when the explosions occurred. He was blown through a picket fence and lay dazed until given first aid by two nurses of the visiting Nurses Society, who happened to be in the neighborhood.

Muller, whose lathouse extended back toward the gas and chemical plant, had been playing a thin stream from a garden hose on the blaze when firemen arrived.

Muller then obtained coffee and ginger ale and was serving some of the fire-fighters when the plant roof was burst open, burning gasoline scented his back and arms.

A tank automobile was backed up.

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## Girl Is Burned to Death Dressing for Graduation

### Flames From Gas Jet Ignite Flimsy Summer Gown as Mildred Parker Fixes Hair of Cousin for School Exercises

Marion Parker, fifteen years old, 4633 Penn street, Frankford, died today in St. Luke's Hospital from burns she received yesterday while dressing to attend commencement exercises at her school.

At noon yesterday Marion and her cousin went to the second floor of her home to dress for her graduation. There Marion volunteered to dress her cousin's hair and procured a small gas stove and a curling iron.

While the girl was heating the iron she stepped too close to the burner and her graduation dress caught fire. Her cousin attempted to bend out the flames, but failed to do so until Marion was fatally burned.

Mrs. John F. Parker, the girl's mother, heard the screams of the two girls, and ran to their assistance, only to find her daughter unconscious and her niece hysterical, and suffering from slight burns of the hands and arms.

Marion's classmates, attending the commencement exercises, were not told of the accident.

Some of the girls had called for Marion while on their way to school and had been told that their classmate had been burned, but would be all right in a little while and might be able to attend the exercises and receive her diploma.

Finally their fears were allayed and they went on to the school. But today, after learning that Marion had died at 4 o'clock in the hospital, the enthusiasm and happiness of yesterday was lost.

Superintendent Mills' order, designed to bring about "peace" in the operation of taxicabs at the Bellevue-Stratford, resulted in a steady procession of taxicab drivers to Central Station this morning.

One after another the taxi drivers were brought in, and as fast as they could be heard were discharged and went back to their stands. At least thirty were freed by Magistrate Renshaw, who said they had broken no law.

Superintendent Mills on the stand defended his action, referring to an ordinance of 1919 which he said provides for parking on Broad street, subject to police regulation.

Each cab company and an independent driver had been allowed parking in front of the Bellevue-Stratford, according to Superintendent Mills' orders. Drivers of one company refused to obey.

As each driver came, Magistrate Renshaw asked:

"What is the charge?"

"Breach of a police order," replied the patrolman who brought him in.

"What did he do?" the magistrate queried further.

"He refused to leave the curb when requested," was the reply.

"Then why didn't you arrest all the tax drivers who had cabs at the curb?" asked the magistrate, and discharged the defendant.

Exactly the same process was repeated by Magistrate Fitzgerald this morning when six independent drivers were brought in for violation of the ordinance.

While the hearings were going on the City Hall courtyard gave the appearance of a garage, with as many as a dozen or fifteen cabs parked there.

End of "War" Seen

An end of the taxicab war, however, is seen in an ordinance worked out by Councilman Linebender, chairman of Council's Committee of Public Safety.

The ordinance provides for licensing "black cabs," and regulates the conduct of cabs in those stands.

A meeting of the Committee on Public Safety has been called for 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to consider the ordinance.

According to the new "taxicab" ordinance every cab must obtain a license under the city in addition to its certificate of public convenience from the Public Safety Commission.

The ordinance abolishes all public black stands heretofore designated and places in the Department of Public Safety the right to designate space along the curb where the cabs may stand.

These limitations are to apply to all cabs in the city, including parks and buildings, hotels, steamship docks and ferries, restaurants, theatres, subway and "L" entrances, and the center of the streets where the street is more than thirty feet wide.

All cabs are to be inspected by Department of Public Safety men when the licenses are granted. They must be in good repair, and must be well painted and varnished. The meters are also to be inspected from time to time and upon the complaint of any citizen.

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By Associated Press

Tarrytown, N. Y., June 23.—William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died here today of pneumonia, shortly before 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rockefeller had been ill at his home, Rockwood Hall, in North Tarrytown, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public.

Five doctors, under the charge of Dr. W. J. Robertson, were in attendance when the end came. Virtually the entire Rockefeller family were assembled at the bedside.

Mr. Rockefeller returned to his home last Thursday after a visit with his brother to the farm on which they were born at Richford, in Tioga County, N. Y.

Friday Mr. Rockefeller complained of not feeling well, but the following day he insisted on leaving government was drenched in a heavy shower. Sunday his cold gave his family concern and pneumonia quickly set in. During the week relatives were summoned to his home. Mr. Rockefeller began to sink rapidly yesterday morning, but rallied about 8 P. M. In the evening came another sinking spell. Physicians and surgeons quickly followed this defeat of the radical forces by adopting the resolution opposing recognition.

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Cincinnati, June 24.—(By A. P.)—For the third successive year, the American Federation of Labor was placed on record by the action of its convention here today denying recognition to the Soviet Government.

Friends of the Bolshevik Government were beaten decisively, failing to force a roll call vote on their resolution favoring recognition. The convention quickly followed this defeat of the radical forces by adopting the resolution opposing recognition.

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Police Send 'Message' to Lawrence's Slayer

"Perhaps the person who shot Fenimore Cooper Lawrence could give a satisfactory explanation of the shooting, but doesn't care to be brought into the matter. Nevertheless, if that is the case, we would like that person to come forward and clear up the case."

This was a statement made today by Captain of Detectives Souder after discussing the slaying of the Lawrence youth with Lieutenant Belshaw, head of the murder squad.

A theory that Fenimore Cooper Lawrence was murdered by thieves whom he surprised stripping stolen motorcars in the woods near Pennypack Creek Park was advanced today by detectives.

The body of Lawrence, a distant kin of James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, was found last Wednesday with two bullet wounds in the back.

The flesh around the right eye of the young woodsman and botanist was discolored and his left temple bore a bruise though he had been struck by a blackjack or club. This was disclosed today.

From the condition of the body, police now believe Lawrence had been dead seven or eight days before body was found Wednesday. It was sprawled on a slope leading from the banks of the creek about fifty yards from Shady lane, which runs through thickets and woodland.

About five hundred yards away is the Verree road, running from Five Points, Fox Chase to Somerton, and giving access to Cheltenham, Edgemoor Park and Jenkintown. It also connects with roads to Trenton.

Detectives Sought Thugs

From this section have come numerous complaints of motor bandits, and as late as last Monday night Detectives Osterholt and Kelly patrolled Verree road on the lookout for robbers.

Three shots were heard at 7 o'clock Monday night by Mrs. John Boyd, whose home is near Shady lane and about half a mile from the point where Lawrence's body was found.

While this was regarded as a clue to some extent by the condition of the body, a revolver with one cartridge exploded lay near the dead youth. A book on botany with annotations in the young man's handwriting also was found as was a flour bag mask.

The first theory regarding the "mask" was that it had been torn from a robber by Lawrence during a life and death struggle.

But the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Lawrence, 1023 Unruh street, Lansdale, say their son, on his

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## EARL HAIG TO ENTER LIQUOR TRADE AGAIN

### Field Marshall's Father Was One of Founders of Haig & Haig

London, June 24.—(By A. P.)—Field Marshall Earl Haig is shortly to enter the liquor trade, with which he was formerly connected as a director of the prominent firm of John Haig & Co. The controlling interest in the company was acquired in 1919 by the Distillers Company, Limited, of Edinburgh, holding corporation for one of the largest groups of whisky interests in the world.

The field marshal will join the Distillers' board in July.

## BEBE DANIELS FINED

### Motion-Picture Star Is Out \$15 for Breaking Speed Laws

Los Angeles, June 24.—(By A. P.)—Bebe Daniels, motion-picture actress, arrested in Glendale for violation of the speed ordinance, was fined \$15 yesterday.

Miss Daniels did not appear in court nor did her chauffeur. A representative of the Automobile Club of Southern California appeared for her and paid the fine.

## PROSECUTOR MAY ACT IN FAITH-HEALING DEATH

### Audubon Woman Waited Week Before Calling Doctor, It Is Said

A report setting forth that the parents of eight-year-old Margaret Elizabeth Spargo, of Audubon, failed to procure a physician to attend her during a week she suffered from appendicitis, the end of which she died, will be today to Prosecutor Wilverton, of Camden.

Mrs. Richard Spargo, mother of the child, 417 Maple avenue, is said to believe in faith healing and called in a physician only when her daughter's case became critical. Dr. F. W. Madden, of Collingswood, arrived just before the child died.

APARTMENTS TO HUNT EVERY FURNISH and most equipment may be found quickly by consulting the Apartment classified section on page 22.—Ad.

## Nearly Married

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## ATTACK ON HERRIN MOURNERS FEARED

### Operator Requests Troops to Protect Them During Burial of Massacre Victims

### MILITARY PROBE IS BEGUN

Chicago, June 4.—Illinois troops mobilized for active service, held themselves in readiness today prepared to leave on a moment's notice for the coal fields of "bloody" Williamson County.

Among the personal requests to Governor Small for troops was that of William J. Lester, president of the Southern Illinois Coal Company, whose strip mine at Herrin was the scene of Wednesday's riots. Mr. Lester said that soldiers were needed to assure proper burial of the massacre victims and to act as guards for mourners against whom it was feared the wrath of striking miners might be directed.

"No relative or friend of any of the dead is safe under present conditions at Herrin," he said. "I cannot conceive that such atrocities as the massacre of my employees could occur in America."

In another request for troops, sent to Adjutant General Carlos Haack at Springfield, counsel for the coal company charged that the Sheriff of Williamson County was still refusing to do his duty and that there was danger of further outbreaks.

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### Stunned Crowd Watches Robbers Speed Away in Limousine

Four motor bandits held up and robbed George W. Lefferts, Sr., owner of a mill at 1729 South Third street, at 9:35 o'clock this morning, and escaped with a money bag containing a \$3000 payroll. A revolver Lefferts had beside him was also taken.

Lefferts, in a small sedan, was going south on Moyamensing avenue, when at Moore street a limousine with four armed men in it cut in front of him and forced him to drive against the curb.

The limousine came almost to a stop and three of the men jumped out. Two drew revolvers and ran up to Lefferts, pushing their weapons against his back. A third man jumped on the sedan and grasped the money bag from the rear of the machine.

As the three men started back to their own car, pedestrians waiting for a trolley car on the steps of the Abigail Vane-Memorial Church, southeast corner of Third and Moore streets, saw the

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### Dr. Hefferich Is Accused by Socialist Deputies of Inciting Murder

### VICTIM OBJECT OF HATRED

Three Premiers and Other Leaders Slain in 16 Months

A number of statements and political leaders have been assassinated recently. The list includes:

Foreign Minister Rathenau, Germany, June 24, 1922.

Field Marshal Wilson, England, June 22, 1922.

Lazono, Spanish party leader, March, 1922.

Rituvuuri, Minister of Interior, Finland, February, 1922.

Premier Hara, Japan, November, 1921.

Alexander Dmitroff, Russia, October, 1921.

Premier Granjo, Portugal, and M. dos Santos, founder of republic, October, 1921.

Erzberger, ex-Vice Premier and Foreign Minister, Germany, August, 1921.

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"The back drop, I shall tilt, so the floor—so; the wings—like this, at an angle—and the entire stage will present different surfaces from which the sounds shall—what shall I say?—bounce!"

Having poured out his plan for the reconstruction of the stage of the Academy of Music to conform with the latest developments in the science of acoustics, Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, leaned back in his Pullman section and smiled triumphantly.

He was on the Bar Harbor express, rolling smoothly along toward North Philadelphia Station, where his baby daughter, Sonia, with the cook and the nurse, were to join him in the long trip to the Maine coast, whither Mme. Stokowski had preceded them.

"Ah!" he cried, "but that will change things. The acoustics there are good, as such places go, but they can be made better. Oh, undoubtedly."

He seized a piece of air in his long

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## DOCTOR DIES IN CHAIR

### Dr. Howell S. Zulick Succumbs to Heart Disease in His Home

Dr. Howell S. Zulick, for fourteen years a tenor soloist at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, and a practicing physician, died last night in his office chair at his home, 2432 North Broad street. Death was due to heart disease. He was forty years old.

Dr. Zulick was born in Orwigsburg, Pa., and was a graduate of West Chester Normal School. He received his degree in medicine from Medical College in 1909, and later lectured on dermatology in Temple University.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and a son. Funeral services will be held at his home tomorrow evening.

Farmer Found Mysteriously Slain

Lancaster, Pa., June 23.—Zacharias Keller, sixty-five years old, was mysteriously shot and killed in the stable of his farm early this morning. His body was found on the barn floor.

## ARMY PACT APPROVED

### Japanese Privy Council Unanimously Favors Treaty

Tokyo, June 24.—(By A. P.)—The Japanese Privy Council today approved unanimously the quadruple treaty recommended at the Washington Arms Conference. The treaty was sent to the Emperor for ratification. He promised that this formality would be carried out.

It's true Jim Harkness ran a stable and played for big stakes.

But something more was in his make-up, though his iron father and his criticizing friends couldn't see it.

The Faith of a Girl

Burnt out the dress and left only gold. The story is told in

Love Will Never Die

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## FAIR WEATHER AHEAD

### Forecasters See Only Local Showers Late in Week

Washington, June 24.—Weather outlook for the Middle Atlantic States for the week beginning Monday: Generally fair, except local showers near end of week; moderate temperature first part and warm thereafter.

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